

Meeting Comment Barton from 3/30/00 meeting

How the State Will Use the Authority and Resources of the Safe Drinking Water Act

- Strengthen link between owners/operators and the Water Supply Division.
- State wide advertising program with creative mailouts to the public to promote water system activities.
- Form a clearinghouse where operators can go for resources.
- The Federal/State government need to "for every new rule, two rules must go".
- Simplify operating requirements for small water systems.
- Educate customers that this is a full time job and how much work is being performed. It not volunteer position for many of these systems. Regulatory community needs to walk in an operator's shoes.
- Develop a mentoring program on a geographical regional basis. Where professional can assist another system in developing templates for long range planning , O & M manuals etc...(Pennsylvania is doing mentoring work.)
- Educate school system on their water systems and consider them as a high priority.
- Develop an electronic bulletin board so they can have place to go and ask questions and provide support for issues with water system management.
- Funding of computer technology to enhance communication (i.e. -email) with public on water system management.
- Fund water system with grant money for "Capacity" improvements.

Encourage/Impair

- Promote good communication with chain of command with owner/ chief operator and the responsible owner to prevent chain of command issues.
- Promote getting all water systems on line with regulations and improvements.
- Encourage incentive to be a member with the association to get certain number of continuation credits for information session on varies water system subject matters.
- Encourage discussion for a shared operator to operate/ sample several water system. Entrepreneurship...

Prioritize Systems

- Prioritize water system who have the worst systems (facility conditions) with the population served to obtain safe water conditions.